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Dear Ms. Wright:

I would like to comment on the proposed coal mine to be constructed in the Desolation Canyon area near Price, UT by UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. Specifically, this letter is regarding the Determination of Administrative Completeness, New Permit Application, Lila Canyon Extension, Utah American Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine C/007/013-PM02B.

I oppose permitting the construction of a coal mine near the mouth of Lila Canyon. Lila Canyon, located in the Desolation Canyon proposed wilderness, contains many important natural features including seeps and springs critical for area wildlife such as bighorn sheep. The construction of coal mine facilities near the canyon mouth could de-water these seeps and springs as well as significantly disrupt area wildlife. In addition, the presence of coal mine surface facilities will have a strong negative impact on the natural beauty and wild quality of the landscape.

The Desolation Canyon/Lila Canyon area is one of the many spectacular canyon/desert areas that adds to the wealth of natural treasures found in our state. I believe it is in the best interest of the citizens and state of Utah to protect remaining natural areas such as Lila Canyon from environmental degradation so that future generations may enjoy these areas as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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